STATE OF ARKANSAS *v.* STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

IN EQUITY.

No. 7, Original. Argued March 3, 4, 1919.—Decided March 19, 1919.

Under Equity Rule 31, a replication *held* not required in order to put in issue the allegations of the answer. P. 41.

The act admitting Mississippi as a State describes the boundary as beginning "on the river Mississippi" and, after other courses, extending again "to the Mississippi river, thence up the same to the beginning"; the act admitting Arkansas describes the boundary as "beginning in the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi," thence along other courses, and back "to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence up the middle of the main channel of the said river to the . . . point of beginning." *Held*, that the boundary between the two States as fixed by the acts was the middle of the main channel of navigation, and not a line equidistant from the banks of the river. P. 43. *Arkansas* v. *Tennessee*, 246 U. S. 158.

It does not appear that any specific agreement was entered into between the States of Mississippi and Arkansas, under the Joint Resolution of Congress of January 26, 1909, 35 Stat. 1161, author-